

Unified Federal Policy

Public Comment by

Luke Culver
P.O.Box 1689
Chester, CA 96020
April 17, 2000

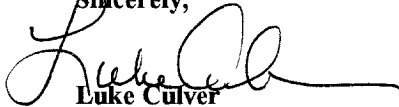
The fact the White House asked the federal agencies to develop and implement a Clean Water Action Plan on the 25th anniversary of the Clean Water Act does not give the federal agencies the authority to ignore the rights of the people nor does it declare our public land in a State of Emergency so King Willie can do what he wants with it for the sake of his legacy. If there was a crisis with our environment it took tens if not hundreds of years to create and we should not over react only because one president assumes there is a crisis.

Before we spend \$2.3 billion closing roads and many other proposed objectives that would only restrict and ultimately eliminate public access to the public's land I would rather see that money honestly used to educate the public of what this proposed Unified Federal Policy would mean to the individual. First of all I truly believe that only a small percent of the public is aware of the facts in this proposal that would take huge access and rights from them. The President and his administration are trying an end run around the system of our great country by not allowing our Congressional and Senate elected officials to represent us in a matter that effects our local and national public properties.

The President is trying to establish himself as a great environmentalist when in reality this proposal is only going to cause degradation to our forest by minimizing our ability to protect our forest from catastrophic fire through prevention and suppression. It is also going to eliminate the access to our forest for the enjoyment of recreation, wood gathering, and yes even timber harvest which done under the guidelines of good science is a benefit to the environment and the economy.

If the President and his administration want to do the right thing they should postpone any changes in policy until the people are aware of the need to do so. We have several other proposed policy making plans in the works right now and the government is not sure how one will affect the other. I want the agency to mothball this one glove fits all policy until they have a clear agenda that can be interpreted by not only them but also the people they claim to be serving.

Sincerely,



Luke Culver

CAET RECEIVED

APR 21 2000